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I... IWAZOU-SAN...
YOU TWO GET DIGGING!
I... I'LL HANDLE THINGS HERE!
I'LL TRY BELIEVING IN WHAT HE SAID!
I... I'LL TRY BELIEVING IN THEM!
HAVE YOU GONE MAD?!
I... IWAZOU...!
THIS VILLAGE REALLY WOULD BE IN DANGER... WOULDN'T IT...!
IF... IF THEY WERE TO OCCUR.
I... I STRONGLY DO BELIEVE IN THE BOY'S FATHER, AND THE TERRIFYING THINGS HE TALKED ABOUT!
THEY'RE TRYING TO TEAR DOWN HACHIMAN-SAMA!
THOSE TWO AND THE OLD MAN ARE NUTTERS!
Y... YOU FOOL!

THE ANSWER UPON THE HOLE BEING DUG...
YOU'LL SEE FOR YOURSELF...

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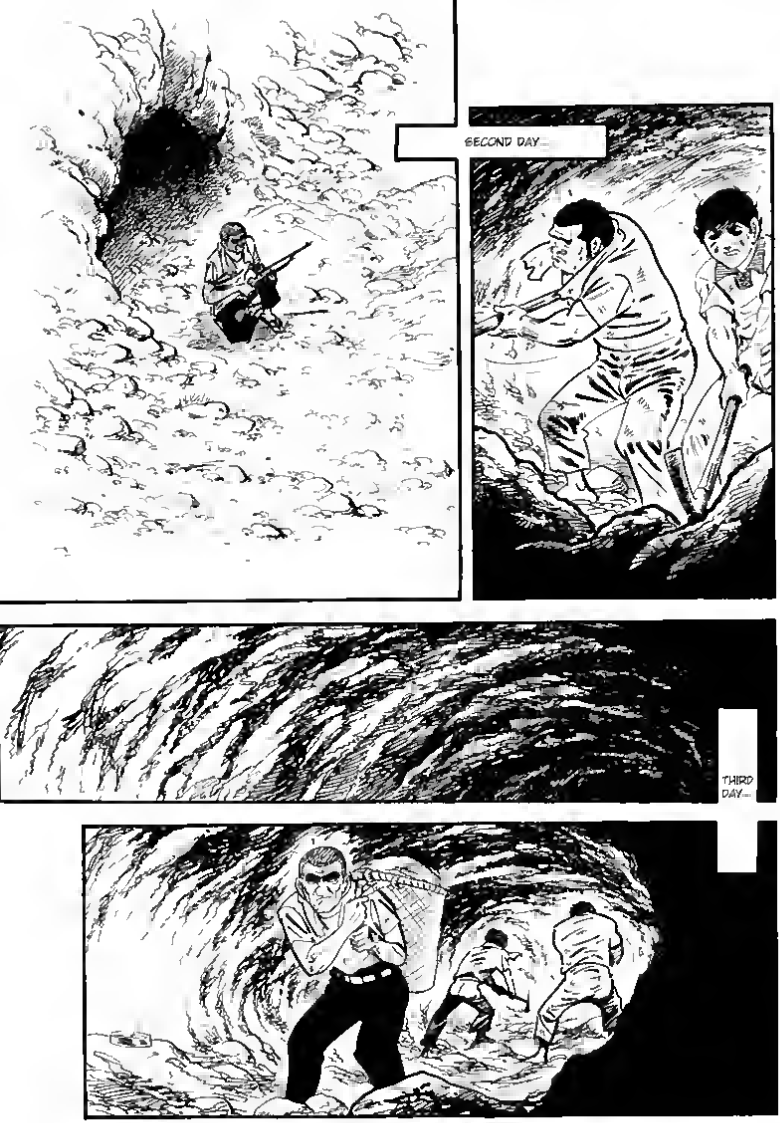
NOW THEN...
YOU TWO, GET DIGGING!

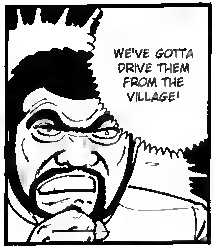
AND SO TO HONOUR HIS FATHER'S NAME, THE BOY BEGAN TO DIG THE HOLE...


SECOND DAY...
THIRD DAY...

FOURTH DAY...

AND THEN, THE FIFTH DAY...

WE'LL KICK THEM OUT!
YEAH LET'S DRIVE THEM OUT!


WE'VE GOTTA DRIVE THEM FROM THE VILLAGE!

WE CAN'T STAY LIKE THIS!

KICK THEM OUT!
DRIVE THEM OUT!
YEAH, YEAH!
DRIVE THEM OUUUT!
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LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
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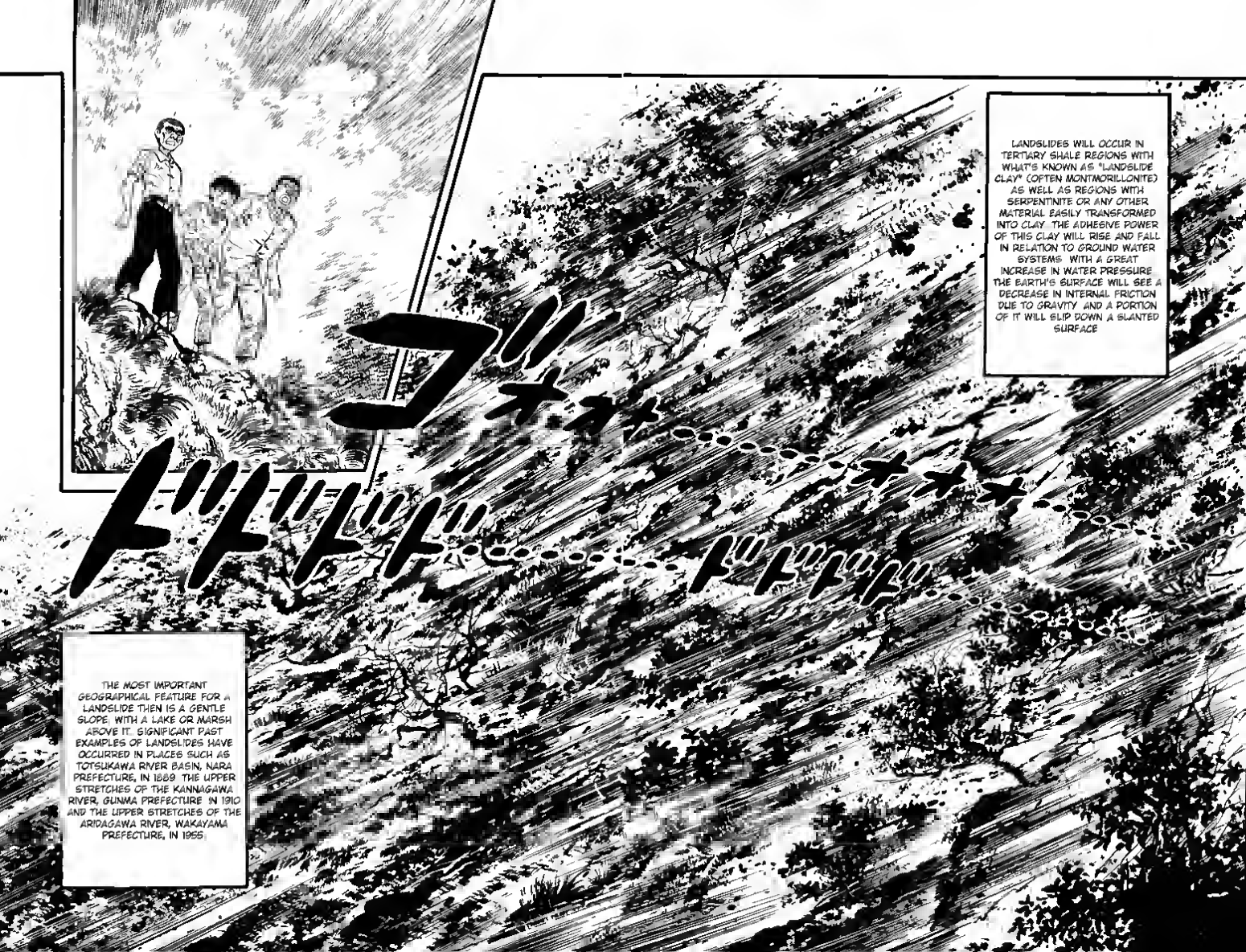
THE MOST IMPORTANT GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURE FOR A LANDSLIDE THEN IS A GENTLE SLOPE WITH A LAKE OR MARSH ABOVE IT. SIGNIFICANT PAST EXAMPLES OF LANDSLIDES HAVE OCCURRED IN PLACES SUCH AS TOTSUKAWA RIVER BASIN, NARA PREFECTURE, IN 1889. THE UPPER STRETCHES OF THE KANNAGAWA RIVER, GUNMA PREFECTURE IN 1910 AND THE UPPER STRETCHES OF THE ARIDAGAWA RIVER, WAKAYAMA PREFECTURE, IN 1955.
LANDSLIDES WILL OCCUR IN TERTIARY SHALE REGIONS WITH WHAT'S KNOWN AS "LANDSLIDE CLAY" (OFTEN MONTMORILLONITE) AS WELL AS REGIONS WITH SERPENTINITE OR ANY OTHER MATERIAL EASILY TRANSFORMED INTO CLAY. THE ADHESIVE POWER OF THIS CLAY WILL RISE AND FALL IN RELATION TO GROUND WATER SYSTEMS. WITH A GREAT INCREASE IN WATER PRESSURE THE EARTH'S SURFACE WILL SEE A DECREASE IN INTERNAL FRICTION DUE TO GRAVITY, AND A PORTION OF IT WILL SLIP DOWN A SLANTED SURFACE
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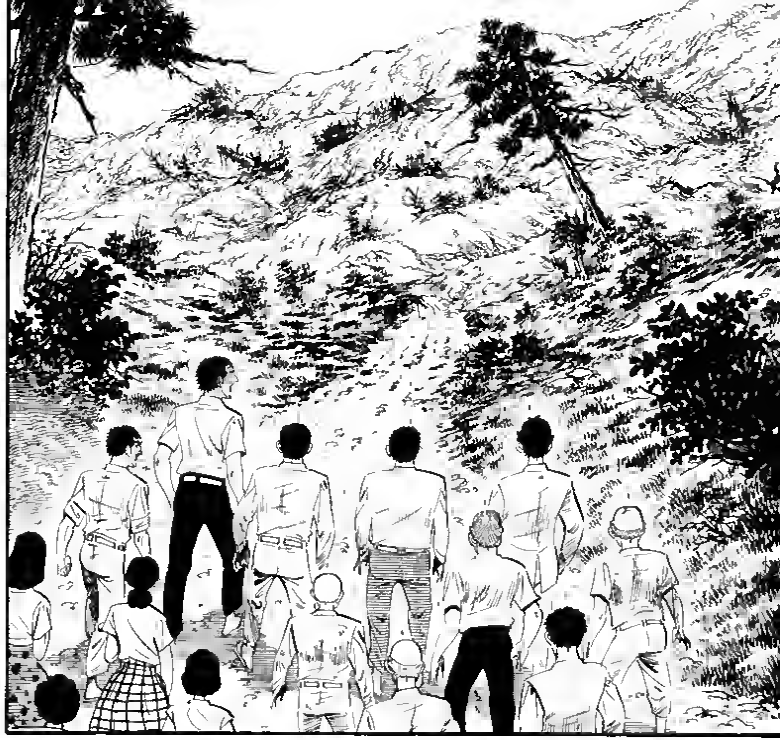
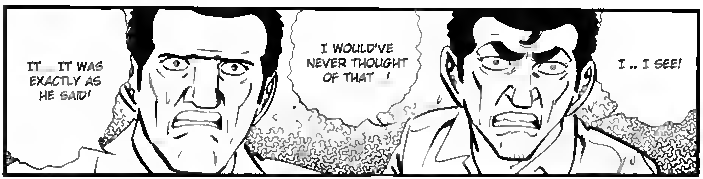


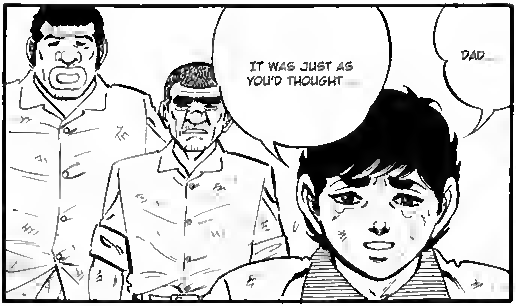
W... WE WOULD'VE BEEN WIPED OUT ALONGSIDE THE VILLAGE...!
IF... IF THAT HAD COME EVEN A LITTLE BIT THIS WAY...
W... WE WERE SAVED! THE VILLAGE WAS SAVED...!

THE SOIL'S FOUNDATION TO GROW LOOSE?!
S... SO THE UNDERGROUND WATER HAD CAUSED...
THE DECREASING LAKE WATER HAD BEEN ACCUMULATING IN THE AREA UNDERGROUND...!


IT... IT WAS EXACTLY AS HE SAID!
I WOULD'VE NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT!
I.. I SEE!

THE BOY SAVED THE VILLAGE!
HE... HE SAVED THE VILLAGE!

THE FATHER SON PAIR SAVED THE VILLAGE!


IT WAS JUST AS YOU'D THOUGHT...
DAD...

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AH, AH...

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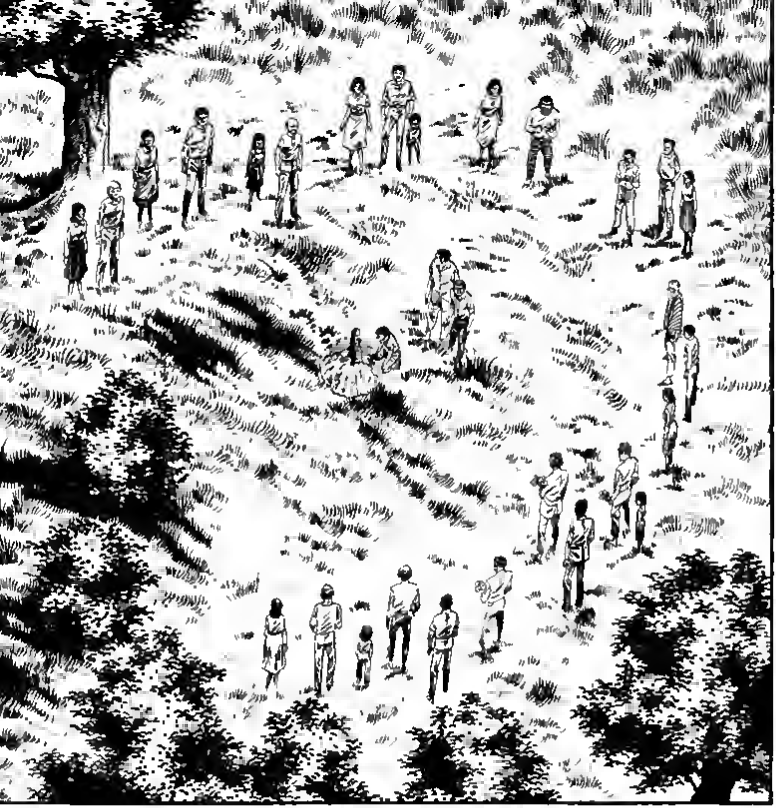
EVERYONE IN THE VILLAGE MADE IT OUT SAFE TOO...
THANKS TO YOU THE VILLAGE WAS SAVED...



SAVED US ALL...
YOU, AND YOUR SON.

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S... SO YOU WON'T TROUBLE ME ANYMORE?!
WE HAVE TO THANK YOU!
YOU DID GOOD!
CAN YOU HEAR THAT...?!
C... CAN YOU HEAR THAT DAD?!
YOU SAVED OUR LIVES...!
WHY'D WE TROUBLE YOU...
WHAT ABOUT HIM?
THE OTHER TWO?
WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER TWO...?
WELL THEN...
HE SAVED OUR LIVES TOO

!
THE DEAD MAN'S FAMILY!

I DIDN'T TELL ANYONE BECAUSE OF THE TERRIBLE TREATMENT THEY'D RECEIVED!
MM!
TSUNE, YOU KNOW WHERE THE BOY'S MOTHER AND SISTER ARE?!

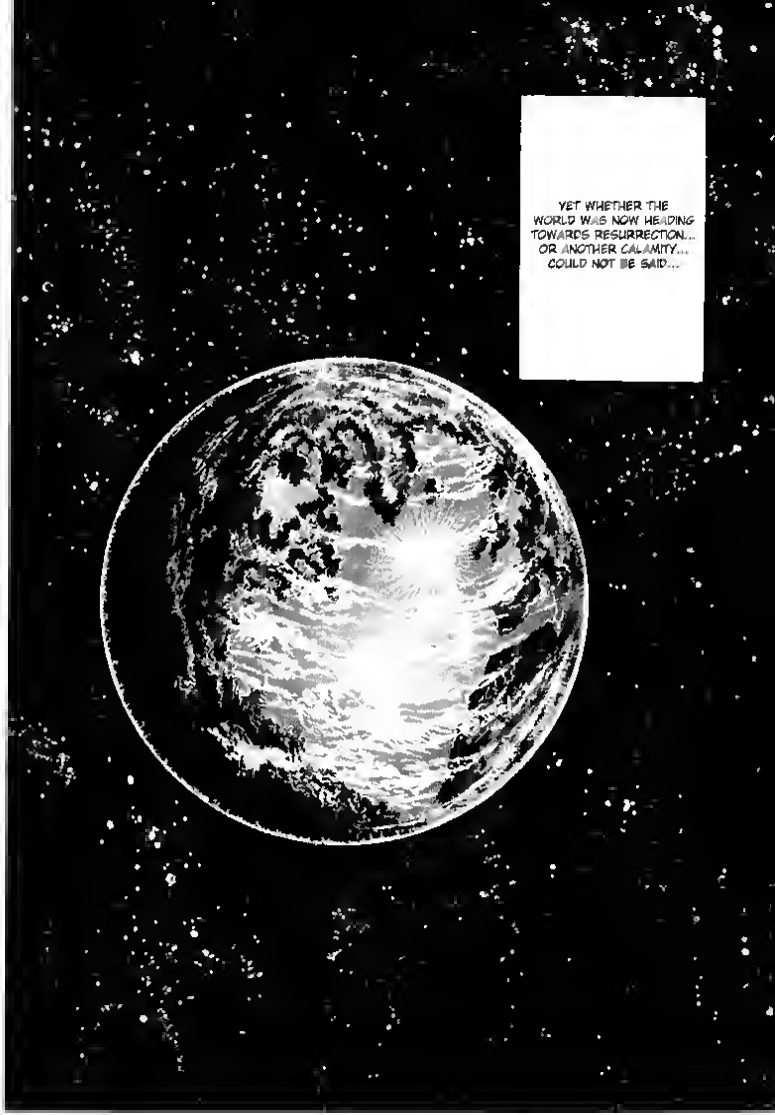
UNDER THAT MOUNTAIN...

I... I DO, I KNOW WHERE THEY ARE!
TSU... TSUNE-SAN?! DO... DO YOU KNOW?! DO YOU REALLY KNOW WHERE THEY ARE?!

THEY'RE AT THE FOOT OF THE MOUNTAIN...!
TH... THE FOOT OF THE MOUNTAIN...

...
THEY'RE LIVING UNDER THAT MOUNTAIN!

THE BOY RAN... AND RAN... IT WERE AS THOUGH THE LONG, ARDUOUS JOURNEY TO FIND HIS FAMILY HAD PASSED BY IN AN INSTANT... HE STRUCK THE GROUND WITH HIS LEGS, A SLIGHT FEELING OF TARDINESS COMING OVER HIM... HIS MOTHER AND SISTER WERE RIGHT BEFORE HIM, SO THE BOY RAN... AND RAN... AND RAN!

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